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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 NATHEN BAKER,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 AUBURNWA.GOV,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. 22-cv-1857

ORDER DISMISSING CASE
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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14 The Court raises this matter sua sponte. Plaintiff Nathen Baker filed a
15 Complaint For a Civil Case Alleging That The Defendant Owes The Plaintiff a Sum
16 of Money, without paying the filing fee or submitting an in forma pauperis (“IFP”)
17 application. Dkt. No. 1.

18 Plaintiffs must pay filing fees when filing actions in the United States
19 District Court. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a); *see also* LCR 3(b). Parties proceeding in forma
20 pauperis are excepted from this rule. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The Court may dismiss a
21 plaintiff’s action without prejudice if they fail to pay the filing fee or obtain IFP
22 status. *See Olivares v. Marshall*, 59 F.3d 109, 112 (9th Cir. 1995).
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1 Baker filed his complaint on December 27, 2022. Dkt. No. 1. On December 30,
2 2022, the Clerk of The Court filed a letter to Baker noting deficiencies in his civil
3 action, including an omitted cover sheet and his failure to pay the \$402 filing fee.
4 Dkt. No. 3. The Clerk's letter stated that Baker must apply for IFP status or pay
5 the filing fee by January 30, 2023, and that "[f]ailure to do so may affect the status
6 of your case, including dismissal of the action by the Court." *Id.* To date, Baker has
7 failed to pay the filing fee or apply for IFP status as the Clerk advised. *See generally*
8 Dkt.

9 Accordingly, this action is DISMISSED without prejudice for failure to pay
10 the \$402 filing fee or to obtain IFP status.

11 It is so ORDERED.

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13 Dated this 17th day of November, 2023.

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Jamal N. Whitehead
16 United States District Judge
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